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### *Area Reopens to Shrimping*

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the reopening of **all waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway (tugboat channel) to shrimping, effective Friday, July 9, 2004, at 6 a.m.**

If during routine shrimp sampling by the DMR, there is an indication that small brown shrimp have moved into this area, the shrimp season may be closed earlier.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the DMR are to be in full force and effect and all boats engaged in catching and transporting shrimp in or from the waters of the State of Mississippi must be legally licensed.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us)

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